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TOHAK 111
TO: JON HOWE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
DELIVER TO JON HOWE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.

NOVEMBER 12, 1973

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. PRESIDENT IS HAVING BREAKFAST THIS MORNING WITH THE REPUBLICAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AS MENTIONED IN TOHAK 103. BRYCE CALLS THIS OUTFIT THE "REPUBLICAN SANHEDRIN." IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1965 TO PROVIDE A RALLYING POINT FOR REPUBLICANS IN A DEMOCRATIC WILDERNESS. IT WORKED WELL AT THAT TIME BUT HAS NOT BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN REPUBLICAN POLICY MAKING OF LATE. GEORGE BUSH IS THE CHAIRMAN.

2. STAFF MEETING THIS MORNING WAS SHORT. HAIG SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD MEET THIS WEEK WITH ALL THE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS AS WELL AS SOME DEMOCRATS AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL LEADERS. A PRESS STATEMENT WILL BE RELEASED ON 10:30 THIS MORNING, PRESENTING IN FULL DETAILS THE STORY OF THE TWO "LOST TAPES." ALSO IN THE STATEMENT WILL BE A DESCRIPTION OF ALL THE DOCUMENTS, RECORDINGS, ETC. WHICH ARE BEING TURNED OVER TO THE COURT. THE STATEMENT WILL ALSO REVEAL THAT THE PRESIDENT IS OF HIS OWN VOLITION TURNING OVER A TAPE OF A APRIL 16 CONVERSATION WITH JOHN DEAN WHICH ESSENTIALLY DUPLICATES THE LOST TAPE OF APRIL 15. THE PROSECUTION TODAY, ACCORDING TO HAIG, WILL ATTEMPT TO CRACK FRED BUZHARDT'S LAWYER-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT BY FORCING HIM TO TESTIFY ON PRESIDENTIAL CONVERSATIONS. SHOULD JUDGE SIRICA GO ALONG WITH THIS (LAIRD SAYS HE WILL NOT) WE COULD HAVE ANOTHER UPROAR. LAIRD ENDED THE MEETING BY ARGUING FOR ANOTHER MEETING OF SENIOR STAFF ON ENERGY. HE SAID THAT WHILE MORTON, DIBONA AND LOVE ARE MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT WE "MAY" NEED RATIONING OR A TAX ON GASOLINE BEFORE THE WINTER IS OUT, THE OIL PEOPLE ARE TELLING HIM WE ARE FACING IMMINENT DISASTER.

WARM REGARDS.

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